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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER PALME

REF: (A) STATE 176290 (B) STOCKHOLM 3619

1. YOUR MEETING JULY 30 WITH PRIME MINISTER PALME WOULD OFFER EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE WITH HIM THE NEED FOR SWEDISH COOPERATION IN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF EFFORT OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS TO OUST ISRAEL FROM UNGA. OVER THE YEARS PALME HAS BUILT UP CONSIDERABLE CREDIT WITH VARIOUS NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES THROUGH HIS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THEIR CAUSES, AS WELL AS GOS EMPHASIS ON AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH THIS YEAR WILL REACH ONE PER CENT OF GNP. PALME AND SWEDES, WHO PLACE GREAT STORE ON U.N. AS INSTITUTION, ARE WELL AWARE THAT U.S. DISASSOCIATION FROM U.N. WOULD DRASTICALLY DIMINISH ITS VALUE, IF NOT DESTROY IT COMPLETELY.

2. OUR SOUNDING IN MFA HERE INDICATE THAT AT LEAST SOME ELEMENTS OF SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS GOS EXERTING ITS INFLUENCE WITH VARIOUS NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE THEM TO FOLLY OF MOVE TO OUST ISRAEL FROM U.N.

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3. OVER WEEKEND, GOS ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT OPPOSING EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM U.N. STATEMENT SAID OUSTER OF ISRAEL "WOULD NOT ONLY BE IN CONFLICT WITH THE TRADITIONAL SWEDISH SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF MEMBERSHIP, ...BUT SUCH ACTION WOULD ALSO MAKE THE ONGOING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST MORE DIFFICULT AND HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WORLD ORGANIZATION ITSELF."

4. I BELIEVE ENCOURAGEMENT BY YOU TO PRIME MINISTER TO MAKE THIS SAME POINT FORCEFULLY TO KEY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN BILATERAL APPROACHES COULD BE USEFUL TO OUR PURPOSE OF SQUELCHING BLOC ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL AT UNGA. STRAUSS-HUPE

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